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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This Newsletter contains the call for nominations for Division officers. Last year a change in the By-Laws provided that all nominations should come from the membership, rather than from the Nominations Committee. The present membership of the Division is 1315. Last year, only 227 ballots were returned, which means that only 19.7% of the members bothered to exercise their franchise. On the 216 ballots which could be used, 144 different persons were nominated for President, 254 for Divisional Representatives, and 174 for Member-at-Large. This probably indicates that most Division members are very able and responsible people, but it may also indicate some uncertainty regarding the duties of the various officers. Present and past officers of the Division have been asked to submit for your guidance statements regarding what is expected of the various officers. These have been combined into one statement for each position. This material is presented below along with the By-Law requirements for each position. The Nomination Ballot is stapled to this Newsletter. It must be returned by March 1.

This year it will be necessary to nominate a President-Elect, a Secretary-Treasurer, one Divisional Representative and one Member-at-Large. The length of term for each is indicated on the ballot. The Secretary-Treasurer's office will be vacant because of the resignation of the present officer. The Executive Committee has accepted the resignation as of May 1, 1951, and appointed the present Associate Secretary, Dr. Harry V. McNeill, to act as Secretary-Treasurer until the next election. Dr. McNeill has cooperated closely with Dr. Roe and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office.

STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Since I have greatly enjoyed the work of the Secretary-Treasurer of this Division, I should like to explain why I cannot continue in the position. An unforeseen development makes it possible for me to go abroad from May until August, world conditions permitting, and then to spend the winter of 1951-1952 in my summer home in New Mexico doing some writing. The location is so remote that it would not be possible to have an office secretary there, or to carry on the work of the Secretary's office with any degree of efficiency. I have therefore resigned with great regret, but with the certainty that Dr. McNeill is well qualified to carry on.

Anne Roe

DIVISIONAL OFFICERS

President and President-Elect

By-Law provisions: "The President-Elect must be a Fellow. He is a member of the Executive Committee, serves as Chairman of the Program Committee and performs the usual duties of vice-president. He succeeds to the Presidency after one year. The Divisional President presides at all meetings, is Chairman of the Executive Committee and performs all other usual duties of a presiding officer."

Statement

President-Elect: High professional, administrative, and leadership qualities; recognized status in the clinical field; wide acquaintance of and by colleagues. Upon election main attention to program: after reviewing the past history and development of the Division, makes plans for carrying on and directing change and growth.

Is prepared to devote two full weeks to the work of the Program Committee--planning, preparing, and publishing the call for papers, planning and initiating some symposia; answering correspondence about the program material; reviewing proposals and abstracts which are submitted; submitting final program to APA program committee; some work on room arrangements; informing every contributor of the decision regarding his proposal or abstract; checking up at the APA conference to make sure that the program is running smoothly.

President: Policy and planning activities: provide leadership by keeping aware of problems and trends in the field and taking appropriate action.

Executive activities: corresponding with 50-100 prospective committee members asking them to accept committee appointments; correspondence with committees in regard to matters referred to them; correspondence with Divisional Secretary on Divisional business; correspondence with APA regarding general problems; answering correspondence from Divisional members and others; preparation of items for the Newsletter; correspondence and conference with new Divisional Program Committee; an all-day mid-year meeting with the Executive Committee; one or two all-day meetings with the Executive Committee at the APA Annual Meeting; the writing and presentation of a presidential address.

Secretary-Treasurer

By-Law provisions: "He shall be a member and Secretary of the Executive Committee with right to vote, shall safeguard all records of the Division, shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Division and of the Executive Committee, shall assist the Divisional President in preparing the agenda for business meetings of the Division and of the Executive Committee, shall maintain coordination with the central office of the APA, shall issue calls and notices of meetings directly or through the central office and shall perform all usual duties of a secretary. He shall also have custody of all funds and property of the Division, handle all funds, make an annual financial report and perform the usual duties of a treasurer." Amendments to the By-Laws provide for the appointment of an Associate Secretary or Secretaries to share in the duties of the Secretary's office, the division of responsibilities to be decided upon by the Secretaries, and that the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as a Division Representative.

Statement

Secretary-Treasurer (this statement includes the duties of the Associate Secretary also): Should be a good correspondent, have considerable administrative experience, be aware of the policies and practices of the Division; have some acquaintance with the functioning of a Division Secretary's Office. Should be prepared to spend up to one full day a week on Division business. Carrying out the duties listed in the By-Laws involves writing approximately 600 original communications per year as follows: 6 or 7 information letters to the Executive Committee with an answer in many instances to each reply involving a statement of opinion or vote on policy; correspondence with 15 committee chairmen to the extent of approximately 15 letters per year and, in addition, an average of 3 letters to each of the 75 committee members; approximately 50 letters a year to the APA Central Office; at least 50 miscellaneous letters in reply to inquiries. In addition,

There are 450 routine communications regarding applicants for membership in the Division; approximately 200 letters to accepted or rejected candidates with an individual statement in many of these letters. Preparation of approximately 6 Newsletters per year, attendance at and preparation of minutes of at least 3 Executive Committee meetings per year, participation in Program and Membership Committee operations, issuing nominating ballots, participation in planning of membership slates for the various Division committees, processing application blanks before submission to the Membership Committee. To these duties should be added a good many et cetera which fortunately do not come to mind.

Treasurer: Disperse and keep account of the Division monies. Arrange for auditing and prepare financial reports; prepare annual budget. Constant alertness for keeping down expenses.

Divisional Representative

By-Law provisions: The Divisional Representatives are members of the Executive Committee of the Division and of the Council of Representatives of the APA. The Council of Representatives is the effective legislative body of the Association and its duties are defined in Article III of the APA By-Laws.

Statement

Division Representative: (1) Full participation in activities of the Executive Committee of the Division, (2) thinking both independently and with the Executive Committee on the problem of what kinds of committees the Division needs, (3) using imagination and judgment in helping the Executive Committee arrive at decisions regarding the composition of these committees, (4) maintaining a constant awareness of trends, developments and problems not only in the clinical field but for psychology as a whole by careful perusal of the Division Newsletter, THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST, and other journals, documents and publications, so that one's vote as a member of the Executive Committee controlling the affairs of the Division is a considered and responsible one, (5) more important than anything else is the responsibility of being a member of the Council of Representatives. This is the basic legal body of the APA. There is an obligation to represent the Division when so instructed in Council action. There is also an obligation to represent the Division even when not instructed in matters in the general clinical area. Participation in the essential business of furthering the welfare of the Association and the profession it represents on all matters undertaken by the Council. This involves attendance at Council meetings, careful reading of advance material, reflection on the implications on proposed actions, participation in the discussion of issues when indicated, and in general assumption of all the responsibility implied at having been elected one of the legislators of the American Psychological Association.

Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee

By-Law provisions: "Two members-at-large serve on the Executive Committee which is the body exercising general supervision over the affairs of the Division."

Statement

Has the general responsibilities that any member of the Executive Committee has, such as attending its meetings and taking part in its activities. He should be alert to problems in the field and bring these to the attention of the Executive Committee. He should inform himself about matters coming before this group and vote intelligently. Should reply promptly to queries regarding questions of policy or action and come up with an original idea occasionally regarding the problems raised.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Division will meet in connection with the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, in Detroit, at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Suite 500, on February 22. Committee chairmen and members are invited to attend. Any member of the Division who would like to present any problem to the Executive Committee for discussion is invited to send a statement to the Secretary's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE POST DOCTORAL TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR 1951

Plans have been completed for the holding of the 1951 Post Doctoral Training Institute at the Allerton Estate near Monticello, Illinois. The Institute will be held beginning the morning of August 22 through the afternoon of August 29. The American Psychological Association meetings will begin on August 31.

Tuition for all courses will be \$50, the same as last year, payable on acceptance. The Allerton Estate, a pleasant, country property now owned by the University of Illinois, provides room and board for \$8 a day.

Four courses have been scheduled for the 1951 Institute and the tentative descriptions of the possible topics are given below. Each course will be limited to twelve participants in addition to the instructor. Fellows or associates engaging in graduate study toward an advanced degree are not eligible. In all cases it is intended to reorient courses around the needs and interests of the actual participants after they have been selected. Interested individuals should write to Julian B. Rotter, Psychological Clinic, Ohio State Univ., for application blanks. The actual selection of the applicants will be made by the Post Doctoral Committee. The Division members who have indicated a previous interest by completing and forwarding the Survey of Interests Blank will be sent application forms directly if their addresses are available.

COURSES

I. PERSONALITY THEORY AND METHODS OF PSYCHOTHERAPY: Instructor, Dr. O. Hobart Mowrer, University of Illinois:

This course will begin with a comparison of the character structure of normal, neurotic, and anti-social personalities. Neurosis and therapy will be developmentally considered, with special reference to sex typing and identification. Anxiety theory will be reviewed as the basis for discussing repression and symptom formation. Therapy, as technique, will be dealt with under the headings of interpretation, transference, and counter-transference.

Against the background of this discussion recently published books on psychotherapy, representing divergent schools of thought, will be surveyed and evaluated.

The course will be concerned with "deep" as opposed to "short" or "brief" psychotherapy.

II. PERSONALITY THEORY AND METHODS OF PERSONALITY APPRAISAL: Instructor, Dr. Raymond B. Cattell, University of Illinois:

Present trends toward integration of psychoanalytic and other dynamic theories with experiment and statistical analysis. Operational conceptions of drive, interest, fixation, repression, etc. Examination of the general reasoning involved in statistical recognition of functionally unitary traits. R-, Q- and P- techniques in factor analysis. Relation of the discovered common unitary traits of clinical concepts of ego, super-ego, neurosis, anxiety level and to pathological syndromes. Available new measuring instruments, e.g., miniature situation tests, aesthetic choices, projection designs, for diagnosis of strength of common traits. "Projective" techniques for measuring unique, idiosyncratic attachments. The use of "misperception" tests in appraising ego defense systems. Generalized scoring problems in tests of this nature.

\ . RESEARCH IN PERSONALITY THEORY: Instructor, Dr. Donald W. MacKinnon, University of California.

This course will evaluate the current research status of the major personality theories. Attention will be given to such methodological problems as theoretical models and personality theory; clinical, experimental, sociological, and anthropological methods in the testing of personality theories; pragmatic and rational tests of theory, etc. Major emphasis, however, will be placed on experimental designs for the testing of specific theoretical hypotheses concerning the perceptual, cognitive, affective, motivational, and learning functions of personality.

IV. SHORT TERM ADULT PSYCHOTHERAPY: Instructor, Dr. Max L. Hutt, University of Michigan.

This course will have a strong neo-analytic orientation. Some of the common problems in dealing with adults will be stressed, such as the following: the initiation of therapy; the problem of diagnosis and goals in therapy; the treatment of the interpersonal relationship; the analysis of special materials, such as dreams; types and levels of interpretations; termination of therapy and ego problems. While part of the course will be didactic in nature, major emphasis will be placed upon a discussion of specific case material contributed by both the instructor and the class. The general plan to be followed will be in the nature of a seminar. Problems for further technical investigation and for research and the interrelationships of psychotherapy and personality theory will be discussed.

Joseph Bobbitt
Rex M. Collier
Ann Margaret
Ernest Newland

David Shakow
Marie Skodak
Robert Watson
Julian Rotter, Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Private Practice

The Committee has been working on two main projects: First, the gathering of information about and the attempt to coordinate some of the activities of local groups of clinical psychologists in private practice who are now being organized in Los Angeles, New York, and other parts of the country. Second, the study of the problems of research in private practice. The Committee is eager to hear about any new local groups which are established, and would appreciate information concerning them. It is now preparing, and will shortly send out to the members of the Division who are engaged in private practice, a questionnaire on the actualities of and opportunities for research in private practice.

Katherine Bradway	Mary S. Kunst
Arthur H. Reinitz	Keith Sward
Helen Thompson	Albert Ellis, Chairman

Regional Meetings Committee

The Committee on Regional Meetings of the Division has arranged a symposium on Professional Organization in Clinical Psychology to be held in conjunction with the next annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. The symposium is scheduled for the evening of Friday, March 30th. The symposium will attempt to evaluate opportunities for expression currently available to clinical psychologists at a local level. It will explore any need for improvement and ways in which such improvement may be achieved consistent with a desirable level of inter-organizational integration. Dr. Anne Roe is to be chairman. Participants will include Stanley G. Estes for the Conference of State Psychological Associations, Charles N. Cofer for the Eastern Psychological Association, Albert Ellis for the New York Society of Clinical Psychologists, Edward M. L. Burchard for the Association of Analytic Psychologists, and Harry V. McNeill for the Division of Clinical and Abnormal Psychology.

Solomon Machover	Lawrence Rogers
N. Norton Springer	Donald Adams, Chairman

Committee on Teaching Clinical Psychology

The members of the Committee have been conducting correspondence (a) to orient themselves to the work of the Committee, (b) to suggest specific problems that might be investigated, (c) to delineate possible projects, and (d) to try to establish reasonable goals. For the purpose of committee operation, our task has been divided into two parts: that of studying practices and problems in teaching in clinical practicum, and in carrying out a self-evaluation program. The members of the Committee have decided to contact certain clinical program directors to learn what the typical approaches to these problems are, and the difficulties encountered with each. In the light of these findings, the Committee will be interested in pointing up some of the basic issues involved in teaching clinical psychology, i.e. questions pertaining to its goals and methods of attainment.

Elias H. Porter

Irwin Berg

Seymour Klebanoff

Sidney Bijou, Chairman

Committee on Publication Outlets

The following letter from Dr. Herbert Conrad to Dr. Robert Holt gives an indication of the value of the work of this Committee. Other editors have expressed similar opinions.

"I have read with much interest your committee's report, [see Newsletter of August, 1950,] dated July 13, 1950, on publication outlets in clinical psychology. I think that the report suffers from characterizing as 'faulty distribution' what really is 'faulty journals'. If a journal has a small circulation, it is certainly disadvantageous for an author to submit his MS to such a journal. If, to take an extreme hypothetical case, the circulation of the journal were only 25, we would have a situation where the article might almost as well have been stowed in the author's trunk. It's hard to draw the line, but in any case, size of circulation is a legitimate consideration for an author to take into account when selecting his journal.

"The same applies to editorial policies. If the policies of an editor are reprehensible to an author, the author is justified in boycotting the journal—not merely justified, in fact, but obligated.

"All of us would, of course, like to see an improvement in the quality of what is published. What is published, however, must bear a relation to what is produced. I think that your Committee underestimates the role that merely personal inclination would play if editors began to publish only the 'super-best'. A great many MSS that any editor receives are good; a few stand out as very superior; but if we limited publication to just the few that all would agree are superior, we would exclude from publication many contributions that are, in fact, very useful. I would not want to have the responsibility of turning down good work.

"The solution that your Committee has suggested, namely, to increase the size of existing journals if necessary, was considered at length by the Publications Committee at its last meeting in New York. The chairman of this committee (with the editor-members concurring) suggested that enlarging the present journals would impose an excessive load upon the editors.

"In my work as editor of the PSYCHOLOGICAL MONOGRAPHS, I have tried to shorten MSS, and with some success. But I think that in the case of clinical monographs, where exact, precise evidence may be lacking, a lengthy and perhaps indirect presentation is frequently unavoidable. Thus, protocols never 'prove' anything general; yet it might be said with equal justice, perhaps, that only rarely do statistics in this field 'prove' anything, either. It is a very difficult field. Usually, something is lost by reducing the length of a report. You will, I suspect, find high-placed and snug contradiction of this viewpoint; and on the whole, the considerations of space and cost doubtless justify the degree of condensation that is now insisted upon by APA editors; but the process is not 'all to the good'. Authors and editors spend valuable time in revising and condensing; perhaps that time could better be devoted to further research.

"The American Documentation Institute seems to me quite a promising organization. I don't think it provides the equivalent of publication, however—not by a long shot. There is something to be said on both sides of this issue."

Herbert Conrad, Editor

PSYCHOLOGICAL MONOGRAPHS: General and
Applied

Committee on Military Affairs

The following information concerning utilization of clinical psychologists in the U.S. Navy has been provided by the Professional Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy:

Clinical psychologists in the Navy come under the cognizance of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. The program is staffed by both officer and civil service personnel. For the most part, the civil service aspect of the program has been created to provide continuing and permanent services irrespective of the status of emergency and mobilization conditions. After World War II there was an interim period in which no psychological services were available due to the return of Naval Reserve psychologists to inactive duty. We wish to cushion the program against a repetition of this situation by maintaining a minimal and basic psychological service with our civilian professional group. Standard position descriptions have been created and have been allocated from GS-11 to GS-14.

In a commissioned status, psychologists, in ranks from Ensign up, of the Medical Allied Science Section of the Medical Service Corps, are detailed to duties wherever neuropsychiatric services are required; namely, psychiatric screening of Naval and Marine recruit personnel, Naval hospitals, retraining commands and disciplinary barracks, special training commands, combat teams, and evacuation hospitals. A limited number of commissioned psychologists with backgrounds in social and experimental psychology are also assigned to social psychiatric research in areas of morale, leadership, and the development of combat criteria. In all instances clinical psychology is related to neuropsychiatry as an ancillary specialty.

Commissioning. At the present time further direct commissioning from civilian life for the Naval Reserve is closed. Direct commission for a limited number of psychologists for the Regular Navy is still open but limited to candidates between 21 and 30 years of age. Qualified candidates with a Masters Degree or equivalent can be commissioned as Ensigns while those with a PhD in psychology can be commissioned at Lieutenant, Junior grade. Stringent physical and professional examinations are required.

Reserve Officers. Needs for clinical psychologists are presently being met by reserve officers who have volunteered for active duty. It is not planned, for the immediate future, to recall reserve officers involuntarily. A priority recall system has been established when volunteers and civil service personnel no longer answer medical requirements. In general, priority will take the younger and lower rank officers first.

Civil Service. At the present time there are civil service position vacancies at all grades, GS-11 to GS-14 and due to normal attrition there is a continuing need to maintain a roster of qualified applicants. Openings now exist largely in continental Navy hospitals. Application should be filed on a Standard Civil Service Form 57 in triplicate and mailed to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C. (Attention: Codes 213 and 313.) Reserve officers are not discriminated against, and every effort will be made at the time of recall to active duty to assign the reserve officer holding a civil service position to a military billet in the same Naval command.

Requests have been made to the Offices of the Surgeons General of the U.S. Army and of the U.S. Air Force for similar information with respect to those services. It is hoped that replies will be received in time to include them in the next Newsletter.

Harry V. McNeill
Laurence Shaffer, Chairman

CASE REPORTS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

This new publication has instituted the policy of rotating guest editorships among various clinical centers throughout the country. The next issue is to appear under the guest editorship of Dr. Albert Ellis and will present material prepared by the staff in clinical psychology at the Diagnostic Center of the New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies at Menlo Park, New Jersey. Subsequent issues are scheduled to present the work of the Psychological Laboratory at the Connecticut State Hospital, the Newark VA Hospital, the Southbury Training School and the Crile VA Hospital. Subscriptions are

now available at the rate of \$4.00 per volume. Individual numbers will be available at \$1.25 per volume. Subscriptions should be sent to: Helen J. Anderson, Treasurer, CASE REPORTS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn 3, New York.

CORRIGENDA

There have been several unintentional omissions in previous Newsletters. In the October issue, the Membership Committee was not listed with the others. This year the Chairman is Dorothy Marquis and the other members are: Howard White, Donald Grummon, Eliot Rodnick, Frederick Wyatt, Anne Roe, ex-officio.

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By an oversight, when the report of the Psychotherapy Committee was issued with the last Newsletter, the names of the persons responsible were not included. The questionnaire was developed by this Committee under the chairmanship of Margaret Brenman in 1948, the other members then being: Nevitt Sanford, Carl Rogers, Phyllis Blanchard, Max Hutt. The following year Stanley Estes and a Committee consisting of Arthur Combs, Nicholas Hobbs, Milton Wexler, Peter Blos, and Max Hertzman undertook the analysis of the questionnaire. This was patently a long and extraordinarily difficult job and Dr. Estes devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to seeing it through. The full report submitted by him and his Committee was then cut somewhat for publication, and this work was done by Peter Blos and Harry McNeill. The total cost was \$1013.09, of which \$100 came from the Division budget, \$394.80 from contributions of the members of the Division, and the balance from the VA Research Project on the Selection of Clinical Psychologists.

ADDRESS CHANGES

We are not notified by the APA office when you send them a change of address. Members are requested also to notify this office so that they will continue to get their Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Dr. Chauncey M. Louttit has resigned from the Division because of the press of duties, which have carried him away from Divisional interests. Dr. Charles E. Skinner has also resigned.

NOMINATING BALLOT FOR DIVISION MEMBERS

Instructions:

1. Please refer to pages 2 - 3 of this Newsletter for the present By-Law provisions on nominations.
2. Please insert the name of those whom you wish to nominate in the proper column. You are urged to submit three names for each office. Any member of the Division may be nominated for these offices, except that for the Presidency only Fellows are eligible. Renomination of Division Representatives shall not be permitted after three years on the Council without at least one year intervening. Members-at-Large may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The President may serve one year only. You may, if you desire, nominate the same person for more than one office.
3. The officers to be nominated are: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, one Divisional Representative and one Member-at-Large. The person elected Secretary-Treasurer automatically becomes a Division Representative.
4. Please fill in, tear off and return this sheet to Dr. Carl R. Rogers, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Counseling Center, 5737 Drexel Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
President-Elect 1 year			
Secretary-Treas. 3 years			
Div. Represent. 3 years			
Member-at-Large 2 years			

For your information:

President-Elect
Divisional Representatives

Member-at-Large

Present Incumbents

Samuel J. Beck
Margaret Brenman
Saul Rosenzweig
Laurence Shaffer
Harold Hildreth
Robert Harris
Jean Macfarlane
Ruth Tolman
Starke Hathaway

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Past Presidents: E. Doll, L. Shaffer, D. Wechsler, C. Rogers;
President 1950-1951, Norman Cameron.

Former Divisional Representatives not now serving as officers: D. Rapaport,
W. A. Hunt, S. J. Beck, D. Wechsler, R. C. Challman,
C. M. Louittit.



